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ANOTHER SUCCESS.

Dr. Lorenz Performs Operation For Dislocation of the Hip.

New York, Dec. 22.—Dr. Lorenz has performed his last public operation in this vicinity for congenital dislocation of the hip. Alvin Louis Black, six years old, was the patient. He is the boy who sent a doll to Letitia Armour, daughter of J. Ogden Armour, of Chicago, to operate on whom Dr. Lorenz came to this country. Mr. Armour was appealed to by the parents of the boy and wrote a personal letter to Dr. Lorenz asking him to operate on the child who had remembered his little girl, and the operation of Sunday, which was pronounced successful, was the outcome of this request. Dr. Lorenz will leave today for Boston.

ELECTION TO-DAY.

North Victoria Will Decide Upon a Representative After a Long Vacancy.

The election in North Victoria is in progress to-day. The campaign has been a bitter one. The government, realizing what the effect of the defeat of their candidate would be throughout the province, have used every effort to defeat T. W. Patterson, the opposition candidate. Last evening a meeting was held in Mr. Patterson's interest in Sidney, which was well attended and most enthusiastic. John Oliver, who has thrown himself into

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this campaign with wonderful vigor, was the principal speaker, and was accorded a splendid hearing. A meeting in the interests of H. L. Robertson, the government candidate in North Victoria, was held in the school house at Sidney last evening. The speakers were Premier Prior, Hon. J. D. Prentice, Hon. D. M. Eberts and H. D. Helmeck, M.P.P. Hon. R. G. Prior in his address stated that he would not favor a railway which should stop at Port Simpson. It must be continued down the island to Victoria. He further said that he and one of his colleagues intend to go to Ottawa for the purpose of getting better terms. He had yesterday received from Sir Wilfrid Laurier a letter stating that his government would be prepared to meet the minister the second week in January. And it was proposed to again go to them and try and get better terms from Ottawa.

—It does not matter where you walk through our "big store" you will find hundreds upon hundreds of "suitable Xmas presents." Where can you go to seek such a display? Tomorrow will be a bumper day for us. Weller Bros.

—Fancy goods in leather and celluloid for both ladies and gentlemen, at Victoria Book & Stationery Co., Limited.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY DEAD

PASSED PEACEFULLY
AWAY THIS MORNING

Primate of All England Had Been in
Failing Health for Some
Time.

(Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 23.—The Most Rev. Frederick Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of All-England, who has been ill for some time past, is dead.

The Archbishop of Canterbury passed away quite peacefully at 8.15 o'clock in the presence of his wife and two sons. His death was anticipated for some days, and only the Archbishop's remarkable vitality enabled him to counteract his extreme weakness. The final collapse occurred at 6 o'clock, and he was unconscious towards the end.

The Primate died of old age. The pathetic scene in Westminster Abbey at the coronation of King Edward was one of the earlier indications of his failing strength. Then came the collapse in the House of Lords at the conclusion of a vigorous speech in support of the Education Bill. He had not left his bed since. He will be buried at Canterbury.

The Bishop of Winchester is considered likely to be his successor.

The Most Rev. Frederick Temple was born at Santa Maura on November 30th, 1821. He graduated B. A. at Oxford in 1842, taking high rank, after which he was fellow and mathematical tutor in his college, Balliol. In 1846 he was ordained deacon, and from 1858 to 1869 was headmaster of Rugby school. His contributions, "The Education of the World," to the famous volume Essays and Reviews, occasioned unavailing opposition to his consecration as Bishop of Exeter, to which he was nominated in 1869. In 1885 he was appointed Bishop of London, and on the death of Archbishop Benson, in 1896, he was selected as his successor.

EARTHQUAKE DISASTER.

Later Report Places the Number of
Victims at Andijan at Nearly
Five Thousand.

(Associated Press.)
Askabad, Turkestan, Dec. 22.—Even the worst of the earlier reports of the recent earthquake disaster at Andijan quite under-estimates the appalling loss of life. A telegram to-day from the scene of the catastrophe puts the number of victims in the native quarter of the town at 4,000.

Already 800 corpses have been disinterred from the ruins. The work of exhuming the dead is progressing slowly. The state treasury containing five million roubles is in the ruins, and excavations to get the money are carried on under the supervision of a strong cordon of police. The water in the wells has disappeared. Large numbers of laborers are being got to excavate.

The shocks continue with increasing violence. The area of seismic disturbance comprises two hundred square versts. The Russian population is camping at the railroad station, where five hundred cars are placed at the disposal of the populace. The local government officials are quartered in cars. Sheds for the destitute are being built as rapidly as possible. Free soup kitchens have been started, and officials are aiding the departure of the inhabitants by distributing food, money and free railroad tickets.

At St. Petersburg it is estimated that nearly five thousand have been killed by the earthquake at Andijan.

THE WORKINGMAN IN POLITICS.

Interesting Address Delivered by Elliott
S. Rowe Last Night.

Rev. Elliott S. Rowe addressed a large audience in Labor hall last night, his subject being "The Workingman in Politics." He took the position that there was a demand on every laboring man to take an interest in politics, because he was the first to feel the effects of iniquitous legislation. There was very little voluntary regard for the interests of labor. The only consideration granted was that which it demanded or forced. It was important, therefore, that the workingmen should use their votes in the interests of the class they represent. The political creed of the laboring men should be "men first." Their efforts should be to attain conditions necessary to a reasonable degree of comfort to themselves and the general well being. Among the elements of real national strength there must be an intelligent, industrious and prosperous working class.

The speaker also said that none of the tools of industry should be under the absolute control of private individuals or corporations. He instanced the recent coal strike in Pennsylvania, in which the President of the United States intervened as a private citizen instead of as President, because the law of the land would not allow him to act as chief executive.

In regard to political affiliations, whether they should form a separate party or become factors in the old parties, he

said the answer depended simply on a decision as to the best way in which they could utilize the franchise for purposes in view. It was better, he contended, to hold the balance of power in one or both the old parties, and thus affect favorably their interests, the policy of these parties than to be segregated in a separate party with an excellent platform, but without sufficient strength to secure the enactment of its principles.

The speaker also strongly endorsed the referendum. He further said that when a charter from the city is secured the right should be obtained to elect police and license commissioners by the vote of the people.

CHINESE HOUSES BURNED.
Fire Brigade Called Upon to Fight Fire
at the Corner of Government and
Chatham Streets.

A fire occurred this morning by which one building occupied by Chinese, situated at the corner of Government and Chatham streets, was destroyed, and the other nearly so. The corner building was a Chinese laundry, and the fire originated there. It was probably due to the overheating of one of the stoves used. From there the fire spread to the next building on Government street, which was occupied as a Chinese lodging house.

The structures were entirely of wood, and the fire spread very quickly. When the brigade reached the place both of the houses were in flames. The multitude of partitions in the lodging house, made it a most difficult matter for the firemen to cope with it. Five streams from the hose and the chemical were employed. Before the fire was extinguished the corner building was a complete wreck. They were owned by Tong Hue, the insurance upon them amounting to about \$400.

POLICE NEWS
Cases in Court This Morning—Attempted
Robbery at Breville House Last
Night.

An assault which occurred in Carpenter's cabin, Herald street, on Saturday night, was ventilated in the police court this morning. The defendant was one Thomas Gansley, and the complainant a man named Luky. Although Gansley defended himself with considerable rugged eloquence, he was convicted, as admitted by him, of the assault. He was fined \$10 and paid the money immediately.

An Indian, James James, was called for being in possession of intoxicants. He did not appear, so his bail of \$25 was exonerated. A number of youngsters appeared on the charge of wilful damage to property, having destroyed windows in an empty house across the Bay. They were remanded until next Tuesday.

An Indian, James James, was called for being in possession of stolen property belonging to James. Both accused were fined \$250 this morning, but on application of Mr. Belyea, counsel for the prosecution, was remanded until next Tuesday. A similar adjournment was granted on behalf of a young man charged with supplying the other with the goods, a quantity which consisted of two bales of linen and some silken lining. Geo. Jay is defending in this case. Both accused were fined \$250 and two sureties of \$750 each.

The police would like to get hold of a couple of daring prowlers who attempted to steal a pair of overcoats and caps from a young man last night. They entered the hall, and thinking they were unobserved, grabbed the two coats and stuffed them in their pockets. Laidlaw, to them; however, this performance was observed from behind the door by a young man, who called out to them. They phoned as they entered. She asked them where they were going with the coats, and they replied that they were going to the "Domination hotel." Upon being told that it was not there appeared to be a young man, who called out to them with all possible haste. Once outside the door their progress away from the house was arrested by Sergeant Hawton. He notified, and Sergeant Hawton investigated the matter, but the two fugitives had a good start and were not overhauled.

CHRISTMAS TREATS.
Annual Entertainment of the Centennial
Methodist Sunday School To-Night—
Other Events.

This evening the Centennial Methodist church the annual entertainment of the Sunday school will be held. Parents and friends are invited. An excellent musical program has been prepared, the principal feature of which will be the rendition by the children of the cantata "The Song of the Sea." Santa Claus will distribute gifts from a well laden Christmas tree.

On Monday evening, December 29th, the annual treat to the Sabbath school children of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will be held. The program will be a first-class program given and presents and prizes distributed.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment of the Spring Ridge Methodist church will be held next Tuesday evening. The program will be a first-class program given and presents and prizes distributed.

It has been decided to arrange a Christmas tree for each ward of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital. The daughters of the hospital will be in hand and will meet at the hospital to-morrow to commence decorating the wards. Any decorating material donated may be left at Deans & Hiscocks. The society will be grateful for any contributions of amusements.

On Christmas eve at the barracks the Salvation Army will hold a Christmas tree entertainment.

VESSELS TAKEN BY BLOCKADING FLEET

FOUR SCHOONERS AND
TWO SLOOPS SEIZED

Steamer Caracas Has Reached La
Guayra But Must Leave Har-
bor Every Night.

(Associated Press.)
Caracas, Dec. 23.—The German warship which passed La Guayra on Sunday, towing two large schooners, was the Panther. She captured the vessels near Maracaibo. The German cruiser Gazelle arrived at La Guayra yesterday morning and sailed again at noon.

The Bausan and the Tribune captured the following prizes yesterday: The schooner Castor, loaded with salt, from Aray; the schooner Maria Louisa, with a cargo of cocoa on board, from Caracas; the sloop Josefa Carmen Deyaga, loaded with general cargo, from Caracas; and the sloop Corencia, from Guanta.

The Red D line steamer Caracas safely entered the harbor of La Guayra at 8 o'clock this morning. The mail, freight and passengers were landed at 10 o'clock. The captain of the British cruiser Tribune notified the commander of the Caracas that he must leave the harbor every night. This measure is regarded as vexatious, and causes great expense to the owners of the steamer.

The French Claims.
Paris, Dec. 23.—The foreign office has received President Castro's acceptance of the conditions of the French note. The President says France will receive equal treatment with the other powers in the settlement and payment of claims. The purpose of the French negotiation was, as previously pointed out, to safeguard French claims against being subordinated to those of the powers which are adopting forcible means for collection. It is understood here that the United States and other powers which are not resorting to force will receive similar assurances to that given to France. The officials here favor, first, arbitration; second, the appointment of an international commission to execute the decision of the arbitrator, similar to the commissions appointed in the cases of Egypt and Greece. In case the commission is appointed, it is probable the French claims which it had decided to submit to arbitration will be included in those to be considered by the commission.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

Students of St. Ann's Academy and
Miss Dearing's School Disperse
For Holidays.

There was a large attendance at St. Ann's Academy yesterday on the occasion of Christmas closing exercises. The assembly room was tastefully decorated with festoons of ivy, bunches of holly and flowers. The drama "Noel" was the feature of the entertainment, and the performance was a tribute to the excellent training the students received as well as to their own talents. Previous to the drama an address of welcome was delivered by a senior pupil, a piano solo "Noel," recitations by ten little girls and a tableau "The Annunciation," were given. Miss Ethel Scott took the angel's part, singing in a pleasing manner "Angels." The role of the Virgin of Nazareth was taken by Miss M. Brown. The performance was closed by a tableau which combined the whole play.

The pupils of Miss Dearing, 82 Menzies street, held their closing exercises yesterday afternoon, there being a good attendance. Besides the appended excellent programme, speeches were delivered by Rev. R. B. Blyth, Rev. J. S. Sweet and Rev. J. Grundy. The Lord Bishop of Graham wrote expressing regret at being unable to be present. Rev. J. Grundy presented prizes to Frank Brencley, for regular attendance and good conduct; to Leslie Hawkesley, for general improvement; and Felix Blair, for highest marks in general subjects. The following programme was rendered:

PART I.
Duet—The Rough Riders Miss Stoddart
Song—The Merry Dancers Miss Dearing
Piano Solo—The First Ball Miss Lily Cole
Action Song—The First Ball Miss Lily Cole
Front Master Ivan Hawkesley
Song and Chorus—The Bury Mother Miss Lily Cole
Recitation—The Colors of the Flag Miss Lily Cole
Piano Solo—The Fairy Waltz Master Eric Cole
Recitation—The Golden Key Master Eric Cole
Mimes—Dorothy Bruce, Kathleen Booth and Master Bruce.

PART II.
Piano Solo—Two Little Tostadotes Master Hugh Logan and Miss Hazel Belyea
Quartette Master Hawkesley
Recitation—Persevere Master Hawkesley
Kindergarten Alphabet Master Cyril Hawkesley
Recitation—The Master of the Deaf Master Cyril Hawkesley
Drill—The Wand Clubs Master Cyril Hawkesley
Song—Where the Sugar Maple Grows Master Dorothy Durick and Master George Newell
Recitation—Little Acts of Love Master Dorothy Durick and Master George Newell
Dialogue—The Child and the Bird Master Dorothy Durick and Master George Newell
Piano Duet—Auld Lang Syne Master Dorothy Durick and Master George Newell

ANOTHER COMPANY FORMED.

English Capitalists Are Acquiring Mining
Properties at Mount
Sicker Camp.

Clermont Livingston, of the Tye Mining Company, announces that a new company has been floated in London by the friends which has for its object the development of Vancouver Island mines. The new company is known as the Vancouver Island Mining & Development Company. It is capitalized at \$50,000, with shares at \$1 each.

The company will acquire properties on the island which has promising outlook. Already several have been secured on Mount Sicker, Richard and Malahat. These are directly tributary to the Tye smelter, and as development work proceeds the demands made up it may lead to an enlargement of the plant. The smelter is running steadily at Ledy Smith, and the management feel very much gratified with the results.

NAVAL STORES ARE COMING ON MOYUNE

A Nine-Ton Gun Included in Shipment
—New Fleet of Modern
Freighters.

Coming to Victoria on the China Mutual line, which is here from England via Oriental ports next week, is a large shipment of stores for the navy in Esquimaux. Included is a piece of ordnance which weighs nine tons, and which in point of size is one of the largest ever forwarded to the Esquimaux station. It is probably intended for the Signal Hill fortification, but of this, however, nothing is known beyond mere conjecture. The shipment is the first ever brought by the round-world steamers, and from this standpoint marks an interesting innovation in the mode of transporting supplies from England to Esquimaux.

On a vessel with the equipment of the Moyune there are no difficulties about shipping so heavy a gun. The Moyune is one of several additions to the line which are to be on the route early next year. It is the intention of the Ocean Steamship Company to make a great improvement in the service. Until entering the trans-Pacific business the company operated the Blue Funnel line, consisting of a fleet of 30 ships, varying in size from 2,000 to 5,000 tons net register, and all plying between England and the colonies. Now they have acquired a number of the finest freighters in the world for the British Columbia and Puget Sound service, and it is anticipated by some that before long a seven-day schedule will be inaugurated.

As fast as their charters expire the Northern Pacific Steamship Company is releasing the steamers which it has been operating. The Queen Adelaide, Clavering and Braemar, all formerly well known in the line, have been released. The Duke of Fife's charter expires with this voyage and the charter of the well-known liner Glenogle will expire with her next voyage to Tacoma. This will leave only the steamer Tacoma, Olympia and Victoria, owned by the Northern Pacific Company, operating to the Orient.

With the dismissal of the Duke of Fife and Glenogle, all of the Northern Pacific Steamship Company's freight, except that carried by the Olympia, Tacoma and Victoria, will be carried by the China Mutual and Blue Funnel lines, and each of these latter steamers will go on to England instead of returning direct from the Orient.

Reference to the Moyune and Ning Chow has already been made in the Times. The latter particularly is a monster carrier. She is a new ship, and in matter of equipment is unexcelled. She has a measurement carrying capacity of 10,800 tons. She will be the next to reach this port after the Moyune, and then will come the Pak Lung, the Achilles, Cana and Neuman. The Achilles is another brand new twin-screw China Mutual liner, launched on November 13th, and is a sister ship to the Ning Chow. She is now en route to London and Liverpool from Yokohama. The Neuman, Cana and Ning Chow are practically the same size. They are all twin-screw vessels, with a speed of 13 knots, and capable of carrying 11,400 tons dead weight, of 2,240 pounds to the ton, or 19,800 tons measurement, 40 cubic feet to the ton. They are 480 feet long by 58 feet beam and 35 feet depth of hold. The Ning Chow and Cana were built by D. and W. Henderson & Company, of Glasgow, and the Neuman by Workman & Clark, of Belfast. Plans of all these ships can now be seen at the local agent's office, and certainly indicate freight ships of a very superior order.

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DEATH OF SENATOR PRIMROSE.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Senator Primrose, who was born at Pictou, N. S., on October 5th, 1828, died there to-day. He was appointed to the Senate in 1882 by the Conservative government of that day.

—Victoria Flour and Feed Store will give every lady who calls at their store, 114 Johnson street, to-morrow, a free sample loaf of bread made by the Excelsior Bakery, from "Queen Anne" flour.

—W. H. Pennock regrets that his Premium Whisk Counters have only come to hand, and as it is rather late he will give a pair of counters to every purchaser from the 1st of December.

WANTED A CHINESE CREW LANDED HERE

APPLICATION FROM
AMERICANS REFUSED

Owners of Manauense Sought Something
Contrary to Immigration Laws—
Shipping Notes.

An interesting case affecting the laws of Chinese immigration has come before Collector A. R. Milne during the past week, and a most important decision has been given by him which has since been sustained by the department of justice at Ottawa. The case is peculiar, inasmuch as a similar one has never previously been brought to the collector's attention, and as it establishes a precedent that may prove of great usefulness.

The case arises out of an application made by the agent of the steamer Manauense last week for permission to have a Chinese crew of 20 men landed here and transferred to that vessel on her way north. The Manauense is a merchant vessel which has this season been trading between Vladivostok, Petropavlovsk and Hakodate. She is operated from Seattle, her port of registry, and the application referred to has been made with a view of circumventing the laws of the United States, which prohibits such procedure. Steamship companies have made strenuous endeavors to overcome the law applying to the importation of Chinese. In Seattle and in San Francisco this has been done repeatedly without success, it being only within the last fortnight that Collector Stratton, of the Bay City, refused to permit the transfer of a Japanese crew on the steamer Arab to the Danish steamer Dollar. Subsequently the owners of the steamer Siberia were refused on like grounds. Officers at all points are disposed to protect the labor interests of the sailors on the coast, and the collector foresaw all kinds of difficulties that would arise out of a request being acceded to. Chinese, he says, could swarm into the city by the ship load. Every American steamship owner could profit by the privilege if granted to the detriment of labor interests, while endless complications might arise out of the whole affair. He therefore gave an immediate reply to the applicant referred to, informing him that the case was altogether contrary to the provisions of the Chinese Act.

Anxious to hear from the department of justice on the matter, the collector at once wired particulars of the case to W. G. Parmelee, and in reply received the following telegram:

Ottawa, December 19th, 1902.
Collector A. R. Milne:
Department of Justice advises that Chinese seamen are not expected to land under Chinese papers for the purpose of gain. (Signed) W. G. PARMEELE, Chief Commissioner.

The Manauense is going north in the near future, and it was the intention of the owners of the ship to connect here with some Oriental liner which would take the crew from an Asiatic port.

VENTURE CHARTERED.

N. P. Shaw & Company have chartered the steamer Venture to the Yukon Mining Company for four months, commencing January 10th. The vessel is to carry ore from the company's property at Quatsino, taking her first load to Tacoma, and subsequent ones to the Crofton smelter. It is calculated that the steamer will make four trips a month; she will at least make three. This implies a monthly output of ore of between twenty-four hundred and three thousand tons, the Venture being capable of carrying 800 tons at a trip. She is an excellent vessel for the purpose, and this fact strongly commended her for the service. The company had also an option on chartering the Danube, but when it came down to a selection the Venture was secured. The Venture was built by D. and W. Henderson & Company, of Glasgow, and the Neuman by Workman & Clark, of Belfast. Plans of all these ships can now be seen at the local agent's office, and certainly indicate freight ships of a very superior order.

The new charter will be the means of bringing the northern end of this island into closer communication with this city, and in this way the Venture will be a decided acquisition to the West Coast service.

EMBARGO ON LUMBER.

Capt. Watty, of the American ship Great Admiral, arrived at Port Townsend on Wednesday, reports that the Guayaquil lumber market is no longer sound to British Columbia or Puget Sound exporters. Last summer a devastating fire swept over the city destroying forty squares. Since then the government has placed an embargo on all pine lumber, and will not allow it to be brought into the country. It having been proven that the fire originated in a building constructed of Puget Sound lumber. While the Admiral was in port the schooner Commerce arrived, with a cargo from the Sound, and the customs officers refused at first to allow it to be landed, but finally yielded on a heavy bond being furnished guaranteeing that it should not be sold.



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VICTORIA,
Pacific Coast Agents.

CHRISTMAS TRADE IN THE BIG SHOPS

WINDOWS HAVE BEEN
NEATLY DECORATED

Stores Have Prepared for Present Rush
by Acquiring a Large Stock
of Presents.

The large departmental store of David Spencer has during the past few weeks been a busy centre. As Christmas Day approaches the business has increased and the staff of one hundred and fifty clerks has found it difficult to keep pace with the crowds which throng the big store.

The building operations which are even yet incomplete have interfered very much with the proper display of the goods; but in spite of this disadvantage the firm has succeeded in making a highly creditable showing. After a long experience in catering to the wants of the Victoria public the firm is in an excellent position to select a stock which in a peculiar way is adapted for all classes of the community. For this season's trade an exceptionally large and varied line of goods was ordered. The trade of the past few weeks has proved the continued popularity of the big store.

Fronting on both Government and Broad streets the store possesses special advantages on account of its large window space in which to display goods.

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Marine Slip, 2,200 tons capacity, now under construction.

This has been fully utilized by the firm, and the windows which have been repeatedly changed during the holiday season have afforded an attractive index to the lines of goods offered inside.

To meet the demands of the holiday trade a specially selected line of Christmas goods has been offered to the public. This embraced toys and nick-nacks of every description. In addition, however, to this there has been also a selection made among the staple lines of goods to attract specially the Christmas purchaser. In the line of gent's furnishings there has been a very heavy trade. The firm has given a great deal of attention to this department, intending to make it a very special feature of the new store. Although the sales in that department have been very large the stock has been replenished and made to keep a very regular excellence.

The interior of the building has not been elaborately decorated other than that afforded by the display of the rich lines of wares which occupy the two lower stories. With only these two floors available for the trade the goods have been necessarily crowded very much. Every available foot of floor space has been utilized.

There has been some Christmas embellishing, however, carried out, and by a distribution of evergreen the store has been given a holiday appearance. The central opening, by means of which light is admitted from the roof to the interior parts of the buildings, has been also adorned with bunting.

The windows are made to display in an artistic manner the wares for sale. Silverware and chinaware, furs and women's raiments, gent's furnishings, furniture and an endless variety of toys and Christmas goods are steadily displayed on Government and Broad streets.

THE WESTSIDE.

The management of the Westside, recognizing that the main object of decorating a store is to attract attention

to the stock, have made their display to consist entirely of the infinite variety of goods with which they have equipped their establishment in readiness for the Christmas season. They evidently feel that extraneous features would divert the gaze of the shoppers, so to guard against this contingency they have given their choice lines the prominence in the general display they deserve. This is especially true of the windows, which prove an irresistible magnet to the legion now on the qui vive for useful and attractive Christmas presents.

There one can surely find something appropriate to this festive period. In one window can be seen a dream of fancy linen goods, comprising Swiss embroidered table cloths, hem-stitched and drawn work, not to forget the Belfast linen napkins, bed spreads with pillow shams to match, an array of goods which invite purchase at a glance. In another window are five different lines of gloves. To shoppers their names should be familiar. They are Fowne's, Perrin's, Pewney's, Dent's and Alexandra. In an adjoining window the decorator has drawn liberally on his artistic talent in the arrangement of leather goods, such as purses, chateleine bags and other articles, while a goodly assortment of handkerchiefs remind the shopper that a person without one of these indispensables is in street perilance "in a fix," especially during the season of colds.

An excellent stock of fancy chiffon ruffs is also shown. Men's gloves of diverse descriptions, suspenders, fancy neckwear, umbrellas for both sexes, contribute to a most varied display, one that converts the space in the windows into a fair-sized store in itself. It affords an insight into what may be found within the doors of the establishment where busy hands have arranged the goods in position convenient to the shoppers and clerks alike. The aisles are marked with a series of arches composed of those particular goods which lend themselves to display in this manner.

Christmas

Should be a time of good cheer for all from the youngest to the oldest. The heart of the old can be made glad as well as the heart of the young by some token of love on Christmas morning. But, you may wonder, can I give each one? That we cannot answer, but we can tell you about what we think are among the most useful presents, and, sure, the useful ones are the best kind of presents for you to buy.

We Will
Just Talk About
Neckwear

25c. buys a better tie here today than ever before. For 50c. and 65c. we show splendid assortments, with many exclusive styles not shown elsewhere. It is our belief that you will find ours to be the best line of ties in the city.

Gloves

Kid gloves at 60c. to \$1.50, lined with wool, cotton or silk. Boys' kid gloves, 50c.; wool, 25c.

Handkerchiefs

A pure all linen handkerchief with initial, 25 cents; hem-stitched silk, initial handkerchiefs and plain, 25c., 35c. and 50c. We want you to see these handkerchiefs, they're the best value in Victoria.

Suspenders

Fancy suspenders, one in a box, \$1.00 pair. A great assortment of fine fancy suspenders at 50 cents and 25 cents.

Hats

Either soft or stiff, at \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50. In this department are to be found all the new styles.

Shirts, Collars, Etc.

All make the best of presents. Make a note of the size, collar or shirt, your husband, brother or father wears and get him one. But why say more? Come in and see our presents. We will willingly exchange anything after Xmas that is not suitable or satisfactory.

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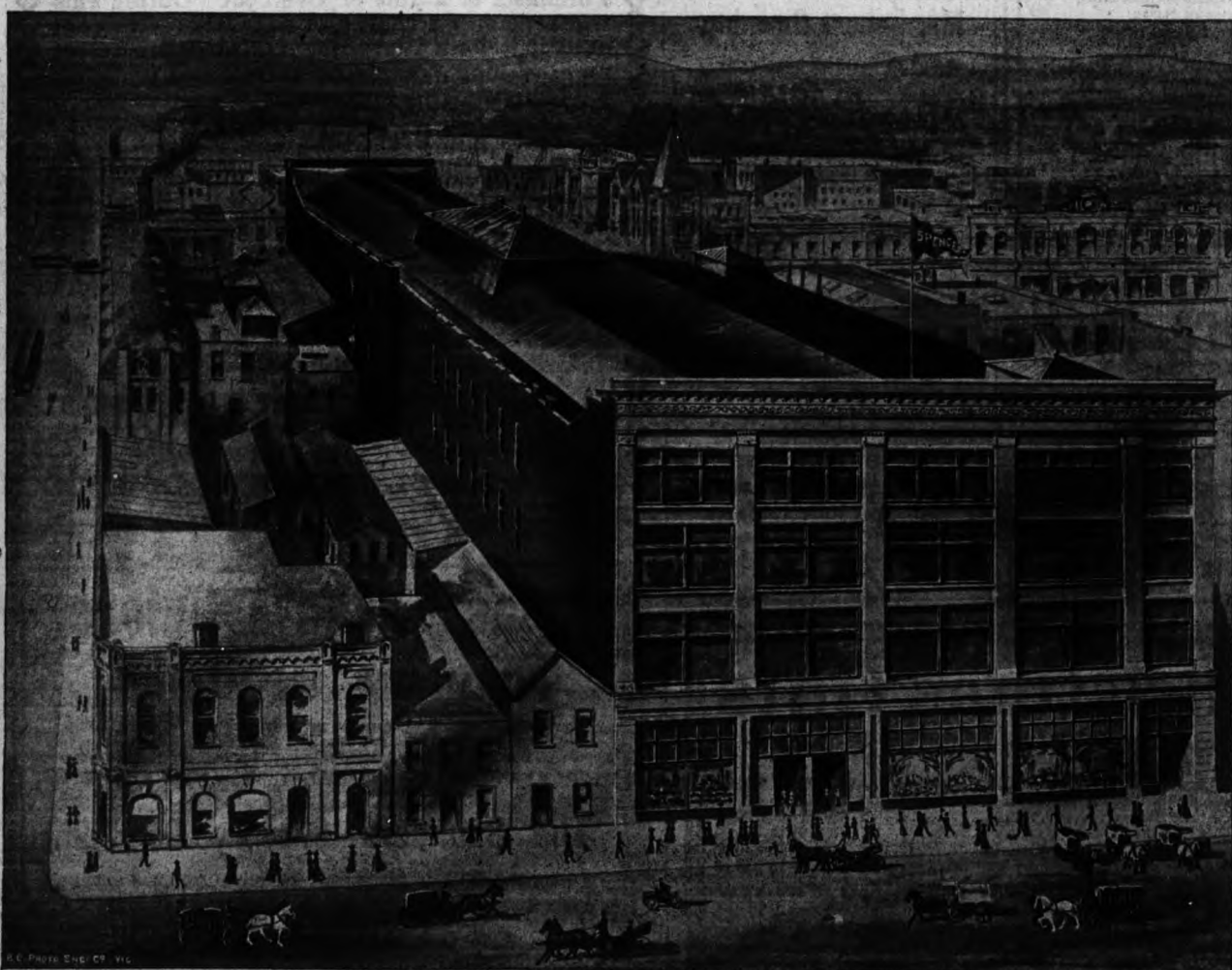
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DUPLICATING ESQUIMALT?
The Vancouver Province asks the interesting question: "Is it the intention of the Imperial authorities to maintain the headquarters of the North Atlantic fleet at Esquimalt?" We cannot set the disturbed mind of our inquisitive contemporary absolutely at rest upon this point, but we shall try to furnish it with such information as will effectually put a damper upon the "vaulting" aspirations it has long entertained. It is well known to be the ambition of the Province to agitate without ceasing until it secures the centralization of every important interest and work in the Canadian West at Vancouver. When it is not devoting its attention to the matter of the transference of the great Mainland fall show from New Westminster to its own city, it may be taken for granted that our contemporary is engaged in "working up" some scheme of more or less magnitude for the aggrandizement of the city it honors with its presence. All this may be perfectly legitimate from the point of view of the Province. In the furthering of its ambitious plans it cannot be expected to pay any attention to the feelings with which its operations are regarded by the citizens of neighboring places.

The Province was so agitated by the prospects it beheld with the eye of faith that it substituted "Atlantic" for "Pacific." There is every indication that Esquimalt will continue to be the headquarters of the British North Pacific fleet. In this matter the Times cannot speak for the Admiralty, but as an evidence of the intentions of the great naval governing body we may be permitted to point out that the extension of the works at Esquimalt is constantly proceeding. There has been greater activity at Esquimalt and more improvements made within the past few years than at any period of the same length in the history of the station. More than that, it has just been decided that another large tract of land is required for the erection of works of defense. We must assume that these improvements have been made under the advice of men of science, of men who comprehend what measures are necessary for the defence of the coast of British Columbia in the event of trouble.

The progress of the works under the governance of the other branch of the service has been even greater. A few years ago there were no land defences of any importance whatever. Now there is a considerable force of men, representing the branches of the services which make a specialty of the construction of works of defense, and in connection with them there is maintained a force for the purpose of manning such defences. The "frowning battlements" do not frown in the face of the world and advertise their presence too ostentatiously. But on occasion a flash and a roar from an unexpected place, followed by a demonstration of a similar character from a spot perhaps a mile in another direction, indicate what the hands of the engineers and the artillerymen have been doing. Millions of pounds have been spent in making Esquimalt and its environs the strongest naval and military post on the western Pacific. Are we not warranted in assuming that these things indicate that it is the intention of the Imperial authorities to maintain the headquarters of the North Pacific fleet at Esquimalt?

The Times cannot speak with authority upon the subject of the wisdom of the scientific men of the Imperial army and navy in selecting Esquimalt as the headquarters of the Pacific fleet. We presume they knew what they were doing when they recommended as they did. They have had abundance of opportunities of inspecting Burrard Inlet, and the fact that they have overlooked it hitherto in recommending the construction of military works of importance should be a sufficient indication to all but those who hope against hope that there can be no change in the headquarters of the Pacific fleet. When the Province maintains in the face of these facts that "Esquimalt affords no protection to the British Columbia coast" it prints nonsense. It is not necessary for us to offer any defence of the judgment of the men

of science who have planned the works in question, but we might point out to the Province that the forts being constructed by the United States government on this coast are not situated in the neighborhood of Seattle or Tacoma. They are remote from those places, but they are none the less designed to protect them.

It is reported that a new graving dock will shortly be built on the Canadian Pacific coast. There is undoubtedly some foundation for the rumor. The present dock has served its day and generation. The ships have outgrown it. A naval station without facilities for docking any vessel in the navy would be shorn of its chief point of utility. Referring to this matter the Province says "The strategic value of Burrard Inlet is such that the authorities may choose it as the location of any new dock to be built, with the ultimate intention of making this port the headquarters of the North Atlantic squadron." Our contemporary has been dreaming upon this subject so long that it would be cruel to dissipate the vision too rudely. But do the facts we have mentioned indicate that there is any intention of ultimately making Burrard Inlet the headquarters of the North Pacific squadron? Is it not supremely ridiculous to suppose the authorities are going to construct a dry-dock for naval purposes at a place where there are absolutely no defences—at a point where its defencelessness would render it absolutely useless in time of war—the time at which it would be most needed? Is it not quite as ridiculous to suppose the governments concerned are prepared to duplicate the works which already exist at Esquimalt around a new dock on Burrard Inlet? Dreams; idle dreams!

JAPANESE EXCLUSION.
The Imperial authorities are not in the habit of watching the legislation enacted by the provinces of Canada and drawing the attention of the Dominion when one of them exceeds its powers for the purpose of having the acts disallowed. What could the object of Mr. Chamberlain be, therefore, in referring specifically to certain acts passed by the Legislature of British Columbia, and pointing out that they exceeded the jurisdiction of the government? We have published some of the correspondence that has been printed bearing upon this subject for the purpose of showing the jealousy with which the Japanese ambassador in London has scrutinized all the legislation confessedly aimed at the exclusion of his compatriots from this province. We did this for the purpose of showing the attitude of the Imperial governments of Great Britain and Japan in relation to this matter and the effect of their views upon the Government of Canada. We have not the slightest doubt there has been further correspondence upon the same subject. It will be published in time. In the meantime would it not be well to let the matter rest until the further communications have been made public and the Dominion government has explained its position? The legislation would have been declared ultra vires in any event, as the federal government is in duty bound to see that the provinces do not trespass within the field specially reserved for the lawmakers of the Dominion. British Columbia is not suffering at present from an in-rush of Japanese. The Mikado's government has kept its word and has most effectually stopped the emigration to this province. There is, therefore, nothing at present upon which to base demagogic appeals. If there is political capital to be made out of the subject, there will be ample time for its manufacture long before the next Dominion general election.

There is no doubt of the fact that an offensive and defensive alliance has been entered into between Great Britain and Japan. The treaty is said to be the first of its kind signed by the Imperial government in modern times. The Japanese are naturally proud of the alliance and think themselves the equals in every respect of their allies. They do not relish acts upon the part of a British province which virtually impute to them inferiority. It is said some of the Australian colonies and Natal have raised acts to which Japan has raised no objection. But there was no direct connection of Japan with that legislation as in the case of British Columbia. Nor had the alliance with Japan been entered into at the time the acts were passed. Dispatches have been published showing that a short time ago some legislation passed by Australia had been disallowed because it ran counter to Imperial policy, and, if we mistake not, it had some connection with the Japanese question. The news sent from the Antipodes is yet very meagre and particulars were not entered into. As we have said, let the question rest until we hear the explanation of the federal ministers. Will our sceptical friend the Colonist suggest some reason other than an Imperial one why the Dominion government should refuse to countenance legislation aimed at the exclusion of Japanese? Does it hold the imbecile, malicious view of another malevolent opponent of the government that the transportation companies—or shall we say one transportation company with which there are indications the government is not on the most friendly terms—are moulding the policy of the government? We confess that such a view would be as worthy and characteristic of our contemporary as it



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is of the individual in question. But the government is not hostile to the views of British Columbia, as events will prove.
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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 23.-5 a.m.-The pressure is high from California to Alberta; the storm area yesterday on the Vancouver Island coast has much decreased in energy, though strong winds occurred at the mouth of the Straits. Heavy rain has fallen along the American coast, though in this district the fall was light. Snow fell on the upper plateau region in Oregon and Washington. In the Northwest the storm area is central in Assiniboia and Manitoba; snow is falling at Battleford and Edmonton, and the weather is very cold.

Forecast.
For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity-Moderate or fresh southerly winds, cloudy and cold, with occasional rain.
Lower Mainland-Light or moderate winds, cloudy and cold, with occasional rain or sleet.

Reports.
Victoria-Barometer, 30.18; temperature, 30; minimum, 29; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, .13; weather, fair.
New Westminster-Barometer, 30.18; temperature, 30; minimum, 29; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .30; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops-Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 22; minimum, 20; wind, calm; weather, fair.
Barkerville-Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 16; minimum, 8; wind, calm; weather, clear.
San Francisco-Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 50; minimum, 40; wind, 2 miles N.; weather, cloudy.
Edmonton-Barometer, 30.38; temperature, 12 below; minimum, 12 below; wind, 12 miles S. W.; snow, .45; weather, snow.

City News in Brief.

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A. Peden, the well known Fort street tailor, presented each of his employees with handsome Christmas presents yesterday, which they all heartily appreciated. Such expressions of goodwill as this speaks volumes for the pleasant relations existing between employer and employees.

An attempt will be made to reorganize a branch of the Y. M. C. A. in Victoria. Horace J. Knott and others have been considering the question, and have decided to attempt to arouse interest in the scheme. After the Christmas holidays action will be taken. A meeting of church workers interested in the question will be called, and the subject laid before it.

The James Bay Methodist church was well filled last night and listened with deep attention to an excellent sermon by the pastor from the theme, "The Everlasting Gospel." Among the pleasing features of the service was the music in which Master Bertie Foot's selections are deserving of special mention. Master Bertie is a lad of rare talent, and renders his work in a most artistic manner.

The remains of the late Mrs. Geo. J. Dyke, who died at Vancouver on Friday, were interred at Ross Bay cemetery on Saturday. The funeral took place at 2.15 p. m. from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral & Furnishing Company. Religious services were conducted by Rev. Percival J. Jones, rector of St. John's church. The pall-bearers were: Major A. W. Jones, A. K. Prior, Forbes G. Vernon, Capt. Palmer, W. Ward and W. Curtis Sampson.

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The regular meeting of the Ladies' of the Macabees will be held this evening at 7.45 o'clock in the A. O. U. W. hall. A full attendance of members is requested.

In the provincial police court this morning a resident of Otter Point, named Charters, was summoned upon a charge of killing a pig belonging to Mrs. Fitzsimmons, also of Otter Point. The charge was withdrawn upon Charters paying the costs in connection with the case.

E. L. Wille, of Seattle, will be a passenger on the steamer Manauense when that vessel sails for Siberia in April. He says that early next spring he expects to see three canneries established on the Asiatic coast. All details for the construction of these are now being carried out by John Rosine, president of the Northeast Company.

The annual masquerade ball of the Jolly Club will be held on Tuesday evening next at 8.30 o'clock at the A. O. U. W. hall. This event is one looked forward to by all who have attended previous entertainments given by the club. The arrangements are in the hands of a committee consisting of W. P. Winby, secretary, and Messrs. H. L. Fleming and H. S. Lawson.

The death occurred at Alberni the other day of Mrs. Thomas Tuson. Deceased was a native of Lincolnshire, England, and was 70 years of age. She was widely known throughout that district, and the funeral was largely attended. The following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. J. A. Hobb, ex-M. P., George Forrest, Redfern, J. Mayne, Leonard Frank and M. Linden.

"The Gladiator," the next attraction at the Victoria theatre, will be produced on the evening of December 25th. Robert Downing appears as Nero in this grand play, which he has given over three thousand times. His business is simply phenomenal, and it looks as though the old play had taken a new life. Mr. Downing is now under a five years' contract with the Western Theatrical Association.

Showing the dispatch which freight receives on the Victoria Terminal railway, it is interesting to note that this morning the gulf ferry brought to Sidney three or four loaded cars for this city. They were at once transferred from the boat to the track, hauled to Victoria, discharged and at noon the same train took them back over the line. Comment on work of this kind is unnecessary.

The National Association of Marine Engineers, Council No. 6, held a social and smoking concert last night in the rooms of the association, Five Sisters' block. The evening was spent in a very enjoyable manner. Messrs. Brown, Gordon, Kettle, McEwen and Ritchie contributed songs, while Messrs. Reinhardt and Fleming supplied the music. A presentation was made to Mr. Jeffcott, president of the association, and Mr. Hickey gave an interesting address on the early steamboating in the province.

A grand recital will be given in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on Tuesday next, December 30th, commencing at 8.30 o'clock. The following artists will take part: Mrs. Robt. Dunsmuir, Miss Maud Goodwin, who recently returned after studying in Europe, Miss Jeanne McAlpine, B. Urquhart, Jackson, of the London College of Violinists, and Herbert Taylor. G. J. Burnett will preside at the organ, and in addition to the accompaniments will render several choice selections. The programme will be published later.

The Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church held a meeting last night, when the president, H. J. Knott, occupied the chair. Mrs. Staneland rendered a solo and E. A. Lewis spoke briefly on the Christmas season. A few minutes of business were discussed at the close, consisting chiefly of arrangements for the social function to be held from 7.30 to 10.45 on the last evening of the year. Games of all kinds will be provided, and the Sunday school orchestra will render selections during the evening. Refreshments will also be served. There will be no charge and on collection. All will be most heartily welcome.

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In recognition of the valuable services of Miss Lizzie Scowcroft, who has officiated as organist of the First Congregational church for some time past, the members of the choir and congregation last night presented the young lady with a purse of gold. This pleasing ceremony took place at Mr. Scowcroft's residence, the presentation being made by D. Sprague. Mr. Scowcroft acknowledged the gift on behalf of his daughter. During the evening speeches were made by Rev. R. B. Blyth and Messrs. Sprague, Waring, Carter and Waring.

E. W. Kemble, the distinguished caricaturist, has prepared a sixteen-page comic book, illustrating the Gold Dust Twins in various stage acts, which is very unique and is superior as an entertainer to the average child's publication. The pictures are in rich colors, and the poetry teems with wit that is interesting both alike to children and older people. The N. K. Fairbank Company, Montreal, will mail a copy of this work to any one enclosing them 2c. to cover postage.

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CHAPTER XIII.

Shadow and Sunshine.

Basil made all his arrangements with one fixed idea in his mind, and that was to give as little trouble as possible. When once he had made up his mind he never wavered in his purpose for a moment. He went steadily forward to a definite and certain goal.

He was careful, however, to take no one into his confidence, careful also, in his conduct and conversation, to avoid awakening suspicion. No one must know, no one must ever guess. Of course, people would say that he was suffering from temporary insanity; but that was stuff and nonsense. He was quite sure that he was as sane as ever he had been in his life. In fact, he was more sane. He was no longer deluded by hopes and fancies that could only end in failure. He had found the bed-rock of truth and reality. Life was not worth the struggle and the worry; and having found out that fact, like a sane and rational man he was going to act upon it, and leave the world to dupes and fools who were not sane enough to see the truth.

He wrote a number of letters, but most of them were not to be delivered until a later date. His rent was paid a quarter in advance; this would enable his friend, Phil Duncan, to go through

his papers and sketches without molestation. He calculated that what he left behind would seem a small fortune to his poor father and mother, who had known nothing but poverty since the day they drew breath.

"I shall be worth more to them dead than alive," he said to himself, grimly; "nevertheless, I will go and see them before I take my journey into the far country."

Among the letters to be delivered at a later date was one to Dodo. He wrote without bitterness, and apparently without regret. But a day later he took the letter from the drawer and burnt it.

"No, I will leave no message for her," he said. "Why should I? She might think I regretted the past. Let her cherish no illusions of that kind."

The poster's wife, who played the part of housekeeper, was greatly puzzled at first at what she called his "clever" up. But he told her at length that he was leaving home for a long time.

"Be you going abroad?" she questioned.

"Yes, I'm going abroad," he answered with a smile.

"It's a queer time of the year, ain't it?" she said, "with the snow on the ground?"

"People often go abroad in winter," he answered.

"Perhaps you be going to a warmer climate?" she questioned.

He started, and a curious smile played round the corners of his mouth.

"Well, yes," he answered, slowly, "perhaps that is so."

"I should take a lot of warm clothes for the journey, if I was you," she said. "However hot it may be at 'other end, it'll be cold travelling."

"I expect the journey will be a bit cold," he said, with an absent, dreamy look in his eyes; "but it will soon be over."

"And they'll have a big fire in again you arrive, mostly likely," she said, knowingly. "Well, any'ow I hopes you'll 'ave a pleasant journey an' a warm welcome at 'other end."

"Thank you, Mrs. Brindle."

"An' may you come back lookin' all the better for the change," and Mrs. Brindle disappeared, closing the door softly behind her.

On the following day Basil took Mrs. Brindle's advice, as far as taking plenty of warm clothes was concerned.

"There are plenty of old folks round Penolan," he said to himself, "who will be glad of a warm coat," so he packed most of his clothes into two large portmanteaux and took them with him.

He had not seen his parents for nearly two years, and it seemed only right that they should be allowed another look at him before he took his final departure. He knew that they were very proud of him. He was the youngest of four children, and the only one who had earned any kind of distinction. His sister had married a joiner, and was endeavoring to bring up a family of five on twenty shillings a week. His brothers were somewhere on the Western slopes of the American continent earning their living as miners. He alone—because he possessed a gift that the others did not possess—had struggled out of the ranks of one of the professions. To his parents he was something of a wonder. He remembered still how surprised they were when he became a pupil teacher in a village school and fancied that his fortune was made. Well, that was the beginning. He won a scholarship later, and then another. So, step by step, from the time he was fourteen (and he was now twenty-eight) he had worked his way. It had been a hard struggle and a fruitless one. He had painted one noteworthy picture, but the world would get along well without it. Life seemed to be a weary struggle for nothing. Men and women were so many prisoners on the treadmill. The wheel turned round, and round, but no one got any further, or was any the better for the climb. The happiest were those who fell off earliest.

He had been a little proud of himself at one time—and not so long ago, though it seemed to him as though years had passed. He had been foolish, like the rest. Had loved a woman and tasted all the bitterness of love. Had toiled for fame and applause, and had found how empty and unsatisfying they were.

The only thing that could make life tolerable was work—for its own sake, apart from gain or reward. And if he could have gone on working, he might have gone on living; but since the power to work had been taken from him, life had nothing left.

Every day as it passed over his head deepened the conviction that he would never be able to work again. He had exhausted all his powers in the supreme effort of last year. If he were to live until he was ninety he was quite certain he would never repeat that success; and to go on living merely for the sake of pulling down what he had built was surely the act of a madman. So instead of the depression passing away from his

mind, it settled itself more deeply. Life with him was finished, his work was done.

His father met him at the wayside station, and drove him seven miles across the hills to Penolan; drove him by the light of the frosty stars, for such a thing as a carriage lamp was a possession that John Pendarvis never aspired to.

Pharaoh, the horse, was a slow-moving animal as a general rule, but with his nose towards home and a stiff breeze blowing behind, he kept up a pace that was a record one in his history.

Conversation between father and son was not exactly animated. Indeed, after the first mile or so it tapered out into silence. It was too cold to talk, besides, John Pendarvis had to steeze Pharaoh, who was disposed to take short cuts across the "Downs."

The dim outline of the familiar hills awoke strangely tender memories in Basil's mind. How often, in his boyhood's days he had loitered across them, dreaming of that outer world which, like the sea, surged and roared on every side, what castles he had built in those early days! What splendid achievements he wrought out in imagination.

"Mother'll be terrible glad to see 'ee, my son," John Pendarvis said, as they came in sight of the twinkling lights of Penolan, and heard the Atlantic rollers breaking on the shore.

"Yes," Basil answered, awkwardly. "She's been pining for a sight of your face," John went on. "It's a long time since you was home."

"Two years," Basil answered, slowly. "Two years last September," was 't reply. "We mind it very well. It was colder then, and we had a heap of apples that year."

"And this year?" Basil questioned.

"No apples at all, my boy. We're too near the sea for fruit to do much. The west wind last spring was too much for the blossom."

"But the corn was good?"

"Aye. We've done purty middlin'; but ours is a hungry farm and terrible exposed to the winds. More'n haaf of it is right up on the cliffs, as you know."

"Yes, I know," Basil answered, dreamily. And he thought of his father's long years of struggle. Year in and year out he had toiled, cultivating his stony uplands and paying nearly all that he earned in an exorbitant rent. Life didn't seem worth living for anybody, but least of all for the poor.

"Mother and me be purty thankful for what you sent home, Basil. You've been terrible good to us. I don't know what we should have done sometimes if you hadn't helped us."

"It's a poor business is farming," Basil answered, evasively.

"Yes, tes, Basil, but I like it all the same," and John's weather-beaten face broke into a smile. "It's purty watchin' the soft rain comin' down in spring and seein' the green shoots comin' through the earth, and of twadn't for the terrible heavy rents it would be just lovely."

"There's always something to mar and spoil," Basil said, a little bitterly.

"Aye, an' yet the wonderful works of God take a lot of spollin'," Basil. The great cliffs, and all the colors on the

rocks, and the wonderful sea, and the hills, and the cornfields, and the spring blossoms, an' the sky, an' the sunsets. Nothin' spoils them, Basil; an' I reckon the pictures you paint don't come up to 'em."

"Yes, father, you are quite right in that. My pictures are worthless."

"Well, for my part, I could never see the money in 'em that they fetch. Think of a thousand pounds for your last picture! Mother thinks there must be some mistake about it, and only the picture of a maid too, the papers said, wi' a basket on her arm an' some poor people round her. It don't seem to me that the maid herself would be worth anything like a thousand pounds, to say nothing of a picture of her!"

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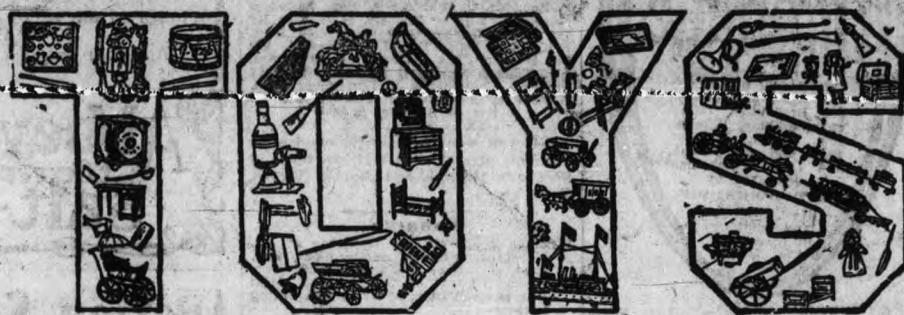
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A very successful entertainment was held at the West Saanich public school on Friday night. The attendance was not so large as was anticipated, on ac-

count of the disagreeable weather, but a fair sized audience assembled and thoroughly enjoyed a programme of songs and recitations given by the children, and also a number of selections from W. Butler's graphophone. Great credit is due the teacher, Miss Dora Butler, for the excellent way in which the children carried out their part of the entertainment. At the close of the programme the audience retired to an adjoining house, where a table was spread with luxuries. Then the Christmas tree was relieved of its burden, the children received many valuable and well earned gifts, and returned to their homes thoroughly satisfied with their night's fun.

At the South Saanich school examination the scholars again won credit for themselves and their teacher. Their smiling, intelligent faces and their almost impatient eagerness to answer questions all plainly told that kindness, not the rod, was the rule by which they were

taught. In one class 20 children stood up, and it is doubtful if in the whole province any class could be found in the same grade and excel this one. But all the classes excelled, and it is no exaggeration to say that the South Saanich school is the pride of South Saanich. After the examination the trustees, and a few others gave short addresses, and a vote of thanks to Mr. Shelton for the work he had done was unanimously carried, and the proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

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PERSONAL.

J. L. Ord and T. P. Smith, of San Fran-
cisco, and J. H. McArthur, of Seattle,
are registered at the Dominion. They were
additional members of the staff which
engaged in repairing the cable across the
Juan de Fuca strait, controlled by the Western
Union Telegraph Co.

R. H. Palmer, freight commissioner, re-
turned last evening from the coast, where
he has attended various gatherings of
agriculturists. Among these was the meet-
ing of the Fruit Growers Association at
Vancouver.

T. G. McKie, T. Welch and B. Wade, of
Chesapeake; P. Babu, proprietor of the
Frank hotel, Ladysmith; and John J.
McArthur, also of Ladysmith, are among
those who are making their headquarters
while in the city at the Queen's hotel.

E. Lloyd, the sawmill owner of West-
holme, who is a guest at the Victoria hotel,
says business at that place is rather dull
at present.

E. M. Burns, of the Seattle branch of the
Great Northern railway; A. A. Tamberak,
of Seattle; and Frank T. Chas. of Cow-
ichan, are among the guests at the Vic-
toria hotel.

Mrs. Nelson, widow of the late F. Nelson,
of the Quamichan hotel, and her mother,
Mrs. Webster, are staying at the Do-
minion.

W. Russell, who has been taking a course
in dentistry in San Francisco, is home for
the Christmas holidays.

E. R. Rithet, of the Sound, was among
yesterday's arrivals from the Sound by the
steamer Majestic.

J. A. Brown, of London, Eng., and
Robt. Martin, of Calgary, are at the Ver-
non.

J. Mencher, of Duncan, is registered at
the Queen's hotel.

Capt. C. G. Johnston and wife are at the
Dominion.

Frank T. May, of Dawson, is at the
Biltmore.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

The 25th of December has been re-
garded from unknown antiquity as the birth-
day of the gods. We find that the ancient
pagans were in the habit of celebrating
the 25th of December as the natal day of
three deities in much the same manner as
Christians now celebrate it as the birth-
day of Christ. According to Dr. Lightfoot,
the temple of Jerusalem was employed in
celebrating the birthday of a pagan god
(Adonis) on the very night the Christians
design for the birth of the Messiah. An-
other celebrated writer tells us that "At
the first moment after midnight of 24th
December the ancient nations celebrated
the accompaniment of the Queen of Heaven
and celestial virgin, and the birth of the
god Sol, the infant saviour of the God of
Day."

Bacchus of Egypt, Adonis of Greece,
Christus of Judaea, Chang of China, Chris-
tus of Chaldea, Mithra of Persia, Sakia of
India, Jao Wapui (a crucified saviour of
Ancient Britain), were all born on the
25th of December, according to tradition.
Christ, the famous god of India, is to-
day worshipped by millions of his follow-
ers in precisely the same way and with
the same records as Christians do in other
parts of the world.

We are told likewise that "Rome in her
palm days was wont to listen to the song
of women and children who went round
and sang carols in the language of Scrip-
ture."
"Into us a child is born this day."
It is pretty clear that this birthday of
incarnate gods and saviours of man-
kind has been a part of the religious
systems of antiquity and has become
the great tradition of the human race in
every part of the world. Nor need it be
wondered at that the fathers of the Chris-
tian church, apt in their generation, select-
ed this day for the nativity of Christ.
It is indeed a matter of uncertainty
when the Christian Saviour was born.
There is no authority for fixing either the
date or the year. The Encyclopedia Brit-
annica says Christians count one hundred
and thirty-three contrary opinions of dif-
ferent authors concerning the year the
Messiah appeared on earth. It is prob-
able that the 25th of December was
selected as the birthday because it was al-
ready a festival of the world over from time
immemorial as the birthday of Sol, the
glorious luminary of heaven, when he com-
menced again his journey and his life, and
also because up to the tenth century it
was universally recognised as the com-
mencement of the new year.

These events made it a period of sum-
mer importance to lead the early Chris-
tians to suppose it must have been the
birthday of the Messiah. What day of
the month, what year, and even what cen-
tury it took place in is still an open ques-
tion. Nor has the Catholic church finally
settled it.

Looking at the question all round, and
viewing it in the light of historical an-
tiquity, one cannot wonder that what has
been universally accepted by all people, at
all times, and in all places, should be a
festival of joyous nature, and closely as it
is connected with the form of our religious
faith, these things seem to come to us
not alone by tradition, but by instinct and
by inheritance. It is the heirloom of the
human race that Christmas day is a festi-
val on which men should relax and make
merry. That the greater part of the world
will do so, and it will be the exception
with those who don't, may be taken for
granted. It is in the universality and
antiquity of this festival that the strength
of this joyous season lies, and it will
doubtless continue to be so held till the
crack of doom ends the chapter of crea-
tion.

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